

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 2, 3, 10, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22 and 25 have been amended. Claims 1, 16, 17, 23 and 24 have been canceled and claim 29 has been added. Thus, claims 2-15 and 18-22 and 25-29 are pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 14-16, 20-23, 27 and 28 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,857,132 issued to Rakib, et al. (*Rakib*). Claims 1, 16 and 22 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 16 and 22 is moot. Claims 2, 14, 15, 20-22, 27 and 28 include or depend from a claim that includes allowable subject matter as indicated by the Office Action of June 27, 2005. Therefore, claims 2, 14, 15, 20-22, 27 and 28 are in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 3-13, 17-19 and 24-26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 3-13, 18, 19, 25 and 26 have either been rewritten in independent form as suggested by the Office Action of June 27, 2005 or depend from an independent claim including allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 3-13, 18, 19, 25 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 2-15 and 18-22 and 25-29 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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